

Blessed Are The Peacemakers

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“Blessed are the peacemakers: for they shall be called the children of God,” stated the Price of Peace in Matthew 5 verse 9. And indeed blessed are they who seek the good of the innocent, and to surround them with love and compassion. When the good of love has been implanted in the spirit, then combat ceases. Whereas when evil hatred reigns in the spirit, then combat is unremitting; and if profiteering through natural goods is added to the mixture, then combat can become unappeasable – and this even before boastful pride enters the picture.

The basis of modern international law was greatly influenced by the Dutch statesman Hugo Grotius (1583 - 1645) who wrote in 1625 in his book called *On the Law of War and Peace*, that nations should guarantee certain rights to neutral nations, who took no part in a war.

The inventor of dynamite, Swedish chemist Alfred B. Nobel, regretted the wartime death and injury caused by his invention, and thus in his will he set up a fund to award an annual prize for outstanding work in promoting world peace.

Through these examples we can see that each one of us can contribute to world peace in large or small ways. It should be noted that defending oneself, one's family, friends, and property, remains within the sphere of wisdom and the good of love.

If we have no desire to contribute to local, national, and international peace then we will, invariably, at best, become witnesses to continual human pain, suffering, and death.

What happens in one part of the world may, now, find fierce expression in a completely different part of the world in only a matter of hours. It is, as we have come to see, only a small planet after all. Moderate conflicts can become much larger engagements in open clashes.

Let us all truly become children of God by being peacemakers. And always keep in mind that the heavenly quality of the Divine Lord's kingdom is a state of permanent peace. Why then should we not seek this peace on earth as well?!